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**Elizabethtown Community Hospital Hosts Blood Drive on November 24**

**Elizabethtown, N.Y. (November 16, 2009)** – There will be a blood drive at the Elizabethtown Community Hospital on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 pm.

The blood drive is being managed by the North Country Regional Blood Center at CVPH. One of the main benefits of working with the North Country Regional Blood Center is that donations are processed and stored at CVPH, to be used locally.

Meredith King, nurse manager of the emergency department, explained that the Elizabethtown Community Hospital obtains blood for its patients from this center. “Each day, the hospital receives an order from CVPH”, she said. “I have to imagine that donors are pleased to know that, by making a donation, they are really helping the hospitals and patients in our local communities.”

**About the North Country Regional Blood Center**

The North Country Regional Blood Center is a not-for-profit program coordinated by CVPH Medical Center. It relies on the generosity of North Country residents who donate blood to be used by local hospitals.